



METROPOLITAN
Community College

What Are the 3 Standards You Must Meet to Maintain Financial Aid Eligibility?

Federal financial aid regulations require MCC to establish a Satisfactory Progress policy with the minimum standards students must meet in order to receive/continue to receive financial aid. The three standards students must meet to be in compliance with the Satisfactory Progress policy are:

Standard 1: Complete at least 67% of all attempted credits for all quarters combined (“Pace” requirement)

The percentage of attempted hours completed is measured by dividing the cumulative number of completed credits by the cumulative number of attempted credits. For financial aid purposes, a course is considered “completed” if a grade of A, B, C, D, P, or R is earned. Grades of F, W and I (and missing grades) are considered unsuccessful grades and reduce the completion rate.

Standard 2: Minimum cumulative grade point average for all quarters combined

Associate’s degree programs:

<u>Cumulative credit hours attempted</u>	<u>Minimum cumulative GPA</u>
0.00 - 29.5	1.50
30.0 - 79.5	1.75
80.0+	2.00

Certificate of Achievement programs and Career Certificate programs:

<u>Cumulative credit hours attempted</u>	<u>Minimum cumulative GPA</u>
0.00 through program completion	2.00

Standard 3: Maximum attempted credit limit

The maximum time frame for the completion of a degree is limited by federal regulations to 150 percent of the published number of credit hours required to complete a degree program. Example: A student in a degree program that requires 90 credits cannot attempt more than 135 credits ($90 \times 150\% = 135$). The maximum time frame calculation includes transfer credits and all attempted credit hours including completed credits, audits, incompletes, withdrawals, CLEP, and repeated or failed classes.

The complete Satisfactory Progress policy, which includes information about the implications of not meeting the minimum standards, the various Satisfactory Progress statuses assigned to students, how different types of courses are treated in the calculations, and the appeal process for students who lose their aid eligibility, can be on the Financial aid office web site <https://www.mccneb.edu/Prospective-Students/Tuition-Financial-Assistance/Financial-Aid/Standards-of-Progress.aspxStudents/Tuition-Financial-Assistance/Financial-Aid/Standards-of-Progress.aspx>